

**Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**March 11, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

The Meeting of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening 7:06 p.m.**

**Flag Salute**

**Statement of Adequate Notice**

- Victor Cioni read the following Statement into the Record: “The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

**Roll Call**

- Present: Victor Cioni, Brian Collum, Tom Iadevaia, Heather Jorgensen, Joe Pinto, Adam Robinson (7:36), Adam Zimmer. Also present: Jeff Greene, Ethel Conry and Susan Turner.

**Audience Participation**

- Vic moved to open the audience participation portion of the meeting. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation portion opened.
- Vic moved to close the audience participation portion. Seconded by Adam Z. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried. Audience participation closed.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- Vic moved to approve the minutes from the 2/11/15 meeting. Seconded by Adam Z. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 3. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

**New Business:**

- Field Usage Agreement – individuals – Jeff spoke with the Borough Manager and the Risk Assessment personnel regarding the \$1,000,000 insurance coverage requirement in the agreement. It was determined this is mandatory, even if it is an individual or small group. Vic will amend the Pavilion rental agreement and the Field Usage agreement to add “hold harmless” phrasing. He will pass it on to Kristine Blanchard and the attorneys for approval.

**Old Business:**

- Splash Pad – Work on the electrical panel start tomorrow and should take a day and a half to complete. Equipment has been delivered to the DPW garage. The new contract has not yet been signed. It has to go to Borough Council first for approval. Jeff told Kristine the work should start April 1 or be delayed until fall. Suburban Engineering has not answered Jeff’s emails.
- Baseball netting – Jeff stated he feels the cost should be split evenly between Rec and the Borough. The Borough mandated the netting and they cut down all the trees outside the outfield fence. The project has gone out to bid. 5 poles need to be added. We do not have any schematics for the lighting system underground wiring so the lines have to be traced before the poles are added. The netting will remain up all year and will last 10 years. Commissioners were concerned with the cost versus the safety/liability issue. If the netting is not done there won’t be a Men’s Softball season. There have been additional

teams who expressed interest in playing at the Borough Park if the netting were in place. Jeff pointed out that the Rec Trust fund is there to improve the Recreation Department. Vic moved that Recreation agree to pay half the cost of the new netting and poles at the Borough Park, not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Brian Collum. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Abstain: 1, Absent: 2. Motion passed.

- Ordinance – dogs on the fields – People are letting their dogs run on the fields and are not cleaning up after them. The memo will be updated to include the name, lot and block numbers for Steinhardt and Vara fields. It will have to go before council to be approved as an ordinance which will give us more power to enforce the existing regulations. The lock code will be given to coaches and changed seasonally.
- Security cameras – Vic met with the Rotary Club last month with Detective Pantuso to describe the security camera system and ask if they will donate all or some of the \$3400. They will give Vic an answer soon. Jeff noted he has seen a strong police presence at the park lately.

### **Recreation Director's Report**

- Brian asked about the weather's effect on the splash pad plans. Jeff said the installation needs to start by April 1. The project will take 6 weeks but then there will be clean up and grass seed and fencing to see to. Vic said he will email Andrew Holt at Suburban Engineering and Kristine that if the contract is not done by April 1 the project will be put off until the fall and he will make sure everyone knows it is Suburban's fault.

### **Council Liaison's Report**

- Ethel thanked everyone involved in the Basketball program, especially James Sawyer and Coach Nalepa, who coached her grandson.

### **Sports Programs**

- Easter Egg Hunt — (Heather Jorgensen) – Heather has visited 20 local businesses to solicit donations. The PTO, ShopRite, QuikCheck, A&P, Fliegau's and the Sharks swim team will all donate. A second set of flyers will go out Thursday, April 2.
- 5k – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Youth Soccer – (Victor Cioni) – No report.
- Street Hockey – (Chris Zimmerman) –
- Youth Basketball – (Tom Iadevaia) – Tom thanked James Sawyer for all his hard work. The 5/6 girls and the 7/8 boys teams are in the finals. Overall it was a good season.
- Lil' Hoopsters – (Brian Collum) –
- Youth Baseball – (Adam Robinson/Tom Iadevaia) – The field usage form has been turned in. Their next meeting is March 22. 15 tons of clay each will be needed for Memorial School and Steinhard field. They will need volunteers to help spread it. WBYB will pay for some of the clay. The tractor WBYB used at Steinhard field is broken. They may have to hand rake like they did last year at Memorial. WBYB is buying new bases and having them installed. WBYB will help edge the field at the beginning of the season. Tom will email parents.
- Adult Baseball – (Adam Robinson) – No report.
- Girls Softball – (Tom Iadevaia) – We have 2 Pony teams, 1 Junior, 1 Intermediate and 1 Senior team. The coaches meeting is tomorrow. Tom will try to schedule some gym time at Memorial school. Tom asked if the commission will waive the field usage fees for the AllStar game. Vic said the fee will be waived if a Boro team is involved. Opening day is set for April 18. The league may hold an umpire clinic.
- Adult Softball – (Adam Zimmer) – They are meeting every 2 weeks. Adam asked Vic to post the information on Facebook
- Karate – The forms have been updated for Session 4. A flyer is going out Friday.
- Swim Team – (Joe Pinto) – Joe will find out about insurance. A parent meeting is set for May 7. A flyer is being sent out this Friday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual vendor fair will be held this fall.
- Pool – (Victor) – No report.

- Aqua Zumba – (Victor Cioni) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – (Victor) – No report.
- Lacrosse Clinic –No report.
- Adult Zumba – (Victor) – The new spring session is being set up. Jeff is also considering a Kids Zumba club that Carly would set up and instruct. She did a one day session at Taylor Street that was a big hit.

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Joe Pinto –Joe asked Vic to post Swim Team sign ups on Facebook.
- Adam Zimmer –No comments.
- Adam Robinson –No comments.
- Victor Cioni–Vic and Jeff met with Mr. Rosza about the Memorial School scoreboard. The Basketball League and Washington Township Recreation are each paying \$250. Washington Borough Recreation will pay the remaining \$500.
- Chris Zimmerman- No comments.
- Brian Collum –No comments.
- John Ruela – Absent.
- Tom Iadevaia – No comments.

### **Website**

- We have 630 Facebook friends.

### **Recap**

- Vic will amend the Pavilion rental agreement and field usage agreements to add “hold harmless” phrasing and pass it on to Kristine and the attorneys for approval.
- Vic will email Andrew Holt and Kristine about the Splash Pad contract.

### **Adjournment**

- Vic Cioni moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Seconded by Adam Zimmer. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjourn **8:27 PM**